Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Pearl Harbor is a natural, land-locked harbor on the island of Oahu in Hawaii; and,

WHEREAS, On Sunday morning, in a surprise dawn attack on December 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed the United States Pacific Fleet as most of the fleet was docked in Pearl Harbor, an unprecedented act of war; and,

WHEREAS, The attack on Pearl Harbor resulted in the United States of America's entrance into World War II; and,

WHEREAS, Over 2,200 American casualties resulted from the surprise attack; our fleet was severely damaged with three battleships destroyed, eight damaged and another capsized; while 188 American planes at Wheeler Field were destroyed on the ground; and,

WHEREAS, In memory of the infamous attack on Pearl Harbor at which so many brave Americans gave their lives, it is fitting and proper that we recall the supreme sacrifice they made in the service of their country:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 7, 1987, as

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

in South Dakota, and I call upon all South Dakotans to remember the 2,200 Americans lost at Pearl Harbor and the bravery, valor and honor with which they served.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of November, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE